57. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 523, dated 5th March 1935, will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the educational qualifications, age, height, chest measurement and period of service in the Government service, if any, of each and every one of the applicants;

(b) the names of the applicants who have passed Criminal Judicial and Police Departmental tests;

(c) whether passing such tests is considered to be a qualification for holding the posts of Sub-Inspector and Inspector of Police;

(d) what are the special qualifications which Mr. P. Sankara Menon, B. A., possessed for being selected as Probationary Inspector;

(e) whether the report submitted by the Commissioner of Police to the Government selecting this candidate for the above post be placed on the table;

(f) whether the report, if any, submitted by the Commissioner of Police to the Government recommending that the candidate to be selected should be a Nayar be placed on the table;

(g) whether any such report has ever been submitted by the Commissioner of Police?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) A statement is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

(b) Mr. N. R. Subramania Ayyar.

(c) Yes; it is one of the qualifications.

(d) He was the best man available having regard to the qualifications prescribed in the Police Manual.

(e) No such report was submitted to the Government.

(f) No such report was submitted to the Government.

(g) No.

Propertied people in the State.

58. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of propertied and property-less people in the State;

(b) of the propertied in (a) the number whose possessions value to rupees one thousand and below;

(c) of the propertied in (a) the number that can afford to live a 'full life' without incurring bad debts.

(d) the average value of property and the income therefrom to a representative individual in (c)?

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Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government are not in possession of the statistics and it is not possible to collect them without much labour and time.

Suicide in the State.

59. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the rate of suicide in the State (number to every ten thousand of the population);

(2) what the economic aspect of suicide is;

(3) whether poverty, or as more common, fear of it, has not been one of the causes of suicide?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) ·375 to every ten thousand.

(2) Suicide on account of economic distress is very rare in this State.

(3) Yes; but very rarely.

Tuberculosis in the State.

60. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state the statistics relating to tuberculosis (per cent of the total population, etc.) in the State and the part want and the consequent under-nourishment plays in swelling the number?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Statistics relating to Tuberculosis in the State are not available. Want and under-nourishment are contributory factors, but lack of sanitary and hygienic conditions such as residence in ill-ventilated houses, congested localities, spitting in open places, etc., are more responsible for the incidence of this disease.

Legislation against suicide.

61. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 128 of 16th December 1931, regarding incongruity in the existing legislation against suicide, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have grasped the import of the question in the interval and that they can do constructively to remove the inconsistency pleaded against?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The question is not intelligible.

Application by the Azhikode Co-operative Society for loan.

62. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 172, 17th December 1931, will the Government be pleased to supply the information for which notice was requested?

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